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Military

- An armored tank division has been stationed at Kazanluk since 1949. Divisional headquarters are located in recently constructed barracks two to three kilometers northeast of Kazanluk on the Kazanluk-Isiva (sic) highway.
- The division is equipped with approximately 100 tanks, mostly Soviet T-34 type, with a few German Tiger type. These tanks are kept in special underground shelters located at divisional headquarters and at the old Kazanluk airfield.
- An antiaircraft regiment is currently stationed at Kazanluk. Regimental barracks are located in the southern section of Kasanluk near the Zavod No. 10 arms and ammunition factory. Informant observed mobile 85 millimeter antiaircraft guns stationed at the regimental barracks. Approximately 10 of these guns are located in camouflaged positions along the northern section of Kazanluk airfield. The gun positions are under 24 hour guard.

The Zavod No. 13 Plant

- The Zavod No. 13 plant is a government factory located at the Kazanluk airfield. Formerly, the plant manufactured only agricultural and dentist equipment, but sometime during early 1951 began producing aircraft fuselages.
- The plant is composed of production, machining and assembling departments, employs approximately 500 laborers, and works three shifts per day. The plant is equipped with the latest Soviet and Czechoslovak machines and equipment, and contains aircraft, tank, and motorized vehicle repair shops.
- The aircraft fusclages produced at this plant are single-engine, two-seater, fighter plane prototypes, designed by a certain Utkin, an aeronautical engineer of white Russian descent.

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- Until May 1951, only one fuselage had been constructed, and two or three
 more were under construction. Czechoslovak airplane engines are installed
 in these fuselages.
- 8. Personnel of the plant are as follows:

a. A certain Simeonov:

Plant Director

b. Doncho Popov:

Technical Director

c. A certain Furnachiev:

Head of the machining department and

d. A certain Sibchev:

Head of the lathe section of the machining

department.

Asen Airfield

9. There is a reserve airfield located approximately 15 kilometers west of Kezanluk at Asen. This airfield is currently being enlarged and a concrete runway is in process of construction. Single-engine fighter planes are based at this field.

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